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as a candidate for Recorder of Deeds of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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as a candidate for Recorder of Deeds of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

JUDGE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce

GEORGE T. JOHNSON

as a candidate for County Judge of the Eastern District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce

J. M. FARRIS

as a candidate for Judge of the County Court from the Eastern District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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W. N. HAMILTON

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Z. T. LAMKIN

as a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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Dr. J. A. EGAN

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O. G. ("DICK") DAMERON

as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce

F. W. KNOTT

as a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

COUNTY CLERK.

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T. H. MINOR

as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the County Court of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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H. H. MILLER

as a candidate for Clerk of the County Court of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce

DR. T. F. MARTIN

as a candidate for Clerk of the County Court of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

CORONER.

We are authorized to announce

Dr. B. HUGHES

as a candidate for the office of Coroner of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce

E. B. WELCH

as a candidate for Presiding Judge of the County Court of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce

L. H. HERRING

as a candidate for Presiding Judge of the County Court of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce

T. H. CARSKADON

as a candidate for Representative of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce

B. F. FLEETWOOD

as a candidate for County Judge of the Western District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

JUDGE OF PROBATE.

We are authorized to announce

H. C. MINTER

as a candidate for Probate Judge of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

It is a curious fact that few lawyers and no judges seem to know what a trust is. One of these days the people will enlighten them.

THE election of Mark Hanna to the United States senate in Ohio has left such a stench in its trail that even "half-way decent" Republicans are holding their noses.

At an operatic performance in New York the other night four million dollars' worth of jewelry was displayed upon the persons of about two hundred feminine fools.

HANNA to McKinley: "God reigns and the Republican party still lives." The slobbering piety of such scoundrelly politicians as Mark Hanna would disgust a Digger Indian.

It would be a relief if sensational newspapers dropped Cassius M. Clay and his "child-wife" a day or two. The "child-wife" is a strapping big Kentucky backwoods girl about 22 years old.

THE present condition of Keytesville's streets is extremely trying on Populists who insist upon "keeping in the middle of the road." And they are the only kind of "Pops" who are worthy of the name.

NOTWITHSTANDING the alleged "prosperity" the McKinley-Hanna administration has brought to this country congress continues to pass urgent deficiency bills. The last one passed the senate last Tuesday and carried with it \$1,913,810.

BLANCO, captain-general of Cuba, the other day summoned before him all the officers in Havana who were engaged in the recent rioting there, and threatened them with condign punishment for treason, whereupon, the dispatch naively says, they all made "spontaneous" declaration of loyalty. "Spontaneous" is good.

THE cotton mill workers of New England have been earning the munificent sum of \$1 a day, with three to five days' work a week. They were getting rich too fast, however, and on the first of January the mill owners cut down their wages 11 to 25 per cent. Now the workmen are on a strike. Most of these men voted for McKinley and prosperity, and have got plenty of both.

A MAN named Ashby was appointed U. S. consul at Colon, but unfortunately met death by drowning last Monday. On Wednesday his nomination came up for confirmation in the senate. The fact of his death was mentioned, but as the senate had no "official knowledge" of it he was confirmed. It is such dazzling instances of enlightened statesmanship as this that the people pay fat-headed senators \$7,000 a year for.

A WOMAN was murdered recently in Oklahoma, presumably by Indians. A mob of white men captured two young Seminoles, charged them with the murder, and burned them to death. It has now been ascertained that one of these Indian boys was innocent, and there is great doubt as to the guilt of the other. But there is no doubt that every one of that white mob deserves to be blown from the mouth of a cannon.

THE most amusing incident of the debate on civil service was Grosvenor's description of a "cuckoo," a term made familiar by Senator Morgan in 1893, in applying it to senators who helped Cleveland in his work of infamy in repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman act of 1890, for which they received a few paltry crumbs of official patronage that fell from the executive table, and other rewards in unknown quantities.

THE thing which we regard as the greatest political joke since U. S. Hall, better known now as Judas Iscariot Hall, was sent to congress from this district as a free silver champion, is the advocacy, by the Clarksville, Pike county, *Sentinel* of the election of Virgil Conkling of Carrollton to succeed Hon. Sam B. Cook as chairman of the Democratic state central committee. Ye gods! The thought of such a calamity happening to the Democratic party in Missouri is enough to bring a perpetual smile to the face of every Republican in the state.

What it Means.

Below is an extract from a speech recently made by Senator Teller. It will be remembered that Teller has been all his life a Republican until lately, and his bitter arraignment of the plutocrats and leaders of the Republican party will be read with interest by every American, especially by those whose homes are in the Mississippi Valley:

"If I had believed we could get international bimetalism in four years under this or any other administration, I would have remained in the political organization to which I have been attached during my whole political life, but I knew that the Republican party was in the power and control of the men who did not mean to have international bimetalism or any other. The men who poured out their money as money never was poured out in the history of any country in the world—who resorted to coercion and force, to bribery and indecent acts as no people ever saw or heard of—would not allow international bimetalism, national or any other. It is for the control of the great avenues of commerce and trade. It is for the control of, and that they may take toll upon, all the energies and the skill of all our labor everywhere.

"Hume said that the time would come when the salvation of dividends would make it necessary that we cease to consider the honor and safety of the country. You are there today. You are where the safety of commerce and trade and the maintenance of a steady market for stocks and bonds render it impossible for the American people to assert their manhood. You compel them to belie their history and record, and to see the most stupendous crime of 100 years perpetrated without governmental protest in defiance of your Republican platform.

"The American people never will emerge from the present condition until they say, 'We are a people of 75,000,000 and are big enough and wise enough to manage our own affairs.'"

"The Republican party is in power. I attack it, first, upon the ground that it is a gold standard party, and I will destroy it if I can. I expect to see it go down in defeat in 1900, and, if living, I pledge you my word that I will do everything I can to bring it to grief. Even if it would right-up on the money question I could not myself tolerate this treatment of these people on our border. The cowardly financial policy of this government and the cowardly policy in international affairs are not according to my notion of Americanism or of that which befits the dignity of a great and free people."

A Sacred Duty.

The Republican party, favored by circumstances for three decades, has been able to promote, organize, manipulate and falsify an equal number of national censuses, the most notorious of which was the Porter census of 1890. It is now more than evident that the leaders of the party hug the fond delusions that they are to have the privilege and opportunity to construct the great census of 1900, upon strictly partisan lines, to introduce into its evolution such partisan methods as would result in producing a presentation mendacious as to fact, but highly creditable to the trust, monopoly, gold and bond interests now represented in the administration of the country.

A partisan census can never be an honest one, and on general principles should not be tolerated. Let us have reform and accuracy. Vitally necessary at any time, the particular census of 1900 should be convincing, scientific and without any possible relation, or the suspicion of any, to the material good of any individual, syndicate, corporation, element or party. The Democratic party, both in the senate and the house, is strong enough to prevent the passage of a partisan census bill. It is the sacred duty of each senator and member to fight such a thing to the death. The advent of a new century will be a good time to divorce the statistical agencies of the government from subservience to party purposes or exigencies; and the thing must be done.

WITH hardly an exception the decent press of America, like the people, has been earnestly and honestly for the cause of liberty in Cuba, and opposed to the policy of the defunct Cleveland and McKinley administrations in supporting Weylerism and all the horrors incidental to it. Unfortunately, it cannot be doubted that one or two American newspapers, in and out of New York, have been all the time in the pay of the Spanish government, nor that in every way open to them they have tried to earn their blood money.

A WHITECAP CASE.

A Trial Shows That a Wife Arranged to Have Her Husband Whipped.

A FIGHT IN AN ELEVATOR.

An Indian Killed by a White Settler—Two Women Murdered in a Street—Accidentally Shot and Fell Dead in His Wife's Arms.

DECATUR, Ind., Jan. 20.—The trial of the whitecaps has begun here. This is the case in which James Parrish, a constable, was whipped almost to death last September, and evidence brought to light the fact that Parrish's wife was one of the persons to make the arrangements to have her husband whipped, and visited the whitecaps at secret meetings to accomplish her purpose. Other women in that neighborhood are implicated in assisting Mrs. Parrish.

A Fight in an Elevator. CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Phillip J. Greene, a broker, felt a tug at his watch chain at noon yesterday in an elevator in the Unity building. He seized the hand of the man pulling at the chain and had a fight on his hands at once. The pickpocket had a companion, who interfered. Several passengers joined in the fray, which lasted from the 11th story to the first and as a result John Williams and George Gray were locked up.

An Indian Killed by a White Settler. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 20.—Word has reached here from Wallula that W. F. Delong, a farmer, shot and killed one Indian and wounded another. A mob of Indians went to Delong's place and threatened to burn his house if he did not vacate. Delong replied with a rifle, and a posse is after the warring Indians.

Two Women Murdered in a Street. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 20.—Edwin A. Duff shot and killed his wife and sister-in-law while they were walking on the street last night. The shooting took place about six o'clock, just after dark. Duff, who had frequently threatened to kill his wife, is a man 45 years of age, and was at once arrested.

Accidentally Shot Dead. YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 20.—Robert G. Hazlett, a leading citizen, was engaged yesterday in moving from one house to another when Ray H. Lee, who was assisting, picked up a target rifle. The weapon was discharged and Hazlett fell dead in his wife's arms. It was an accident.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE JUBILEE.

Golden Anniversary of the First "Woman's Rights" Convention Being Celebrated. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 20.—The golden jubilee of the equal suffrage movement in America, or the 50th anniversary of the first "woman's rights" convention, which was held in Seneca Falls, N. Y., in 1848, under a call issued by the venerable Elizabeth Cady Stanton, is being celebrated during January and February by equal suffragists all over the United States, but nowhere, perhaps, with more genuine enthusiasm than in Kansas, where the women enjoy many privileges not the least of which is the right to vote at municipal elections and to hold municipal and school offices.

MRS. BAIRD CONVICTED.

Christian Science Doctor at Kansas City Fined for Failing to Observe the Law. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 20.—According to a decision by Judge Wofford in the criminal court Mrs. Amanda J. Baird, Christian science doctor, or rather "demonstrator," will have to pay the fine of \$50 and costs imposed in police court for not reporting to the board of health a case of diphtheria in the family of S. H. Kinney, 641 Woodland, from which little ten-year-old Mae Kinney afterwards died. Not only that, but from the bench Judge Wofford denounced the practice of Christian science healing.

A Floor Falls. OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 20.—A section of floor at the Cudahy packing plant fell this morning, carrying down several workmen. J. Novak was killed, Chris Montgomery sustained a broken jaw and other bad bruises and Mike O'Day received a bad scalp wound. The wall supporting the floor had been weakened by repairs in progress.

Bride and Groom in School. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 20.—Marriage will not stop the studies of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Snyder, the independent school children who ran away to Kansas City, Kan., January 12 and were married. Both will become students at the state university at Columbia. The groom is 16 and his wife 17.

The Chautauqua Is Prosperous. ERIE, Pa., Jan. 20.—When the board of trustees of the National Chautauqua assembly met yesterday the treasurer reported total receipts of \$94,000 and expenses about \$8,000 less. The schools will continue under the charge of President W. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago.

Missouri Newspaper Men. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 20.—Over 60 editors from various parts of the state are here attending the mid-winter meeting of the Missouri State Press association. Mayor Jones welcomed the editors to the city. The response was by E. W. Stephens, of the Columbia Herald.

Clemency Came Too Late. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 20.—A dispatch was received at the federal prison yesterday that James Kirk, an Indian prisoner, had been pardoned. Kirk died in the prison from consumption about a fortnight ago.

School Paper for Lutherans. ABILENE, Kan., Jan. 20.—The national board of education of the English Lutheran church yesterday issued the first number of a school journal, the Lamp, published in the interest of the church colleges.

Miss Kate Burnett, aged 30 years, was burned to death at Nevada, Mo., her clothing catching fire while she was in a convulsion.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Boston, it is said, has over 4,000 music teachers.

A NEW hand stamp to be used for the cancellation of mail matter will soon be introduced by the post office department at Washington.

LEO XIII., as if to disprove all reports current concerning the alleged failure of his mental and physical powers, has just issued a dainty volume of Latin poems entitled "Camina Novissima," which may be translated as "latest poems."

POKER playing among the students of the Western Presbyterian Theological seminary at Allegheny, Pa., has caused trouble in that institution. The faculty has declared that theology and poker will not mix and that the card playing must be stopped.

REPORTS have been received at Washington from the Annapolis naval academy which show that the cadet battalion may soon be composed of spectacle-eyed youths, if the affliction of the eyes which has overtaken so many continues to increase. Fully 20 per cent. of the whole number of cadets are now wearing eyeglasses. The cadets are required to study by the dismal light of one burner to each room.

SENATOR COCKRELL recently secured a statement of the aggregate number of war claims filed in the war department under the act of July 4, 1864, and their aggregate amount. The records show that there have been received at the war department 58,379 claims, amounting all told to \$40,256,528.92. The number of these claims still unacted upon are 97, the amount involved being \$120,668.

In the supreme court of the United States the other day Justice Harlan handed down an opinion in a case involving the question whether the heirs of a man who committed suicide when in sound mind can recover on an insurance policy. He said that when an insurance company entered into a contract to insure a man's life neither party to the contract could be supposed to have suicide in contemplation. Concluding, he said explicitly that the heirs of no insured person committing suicide and found to be of sound mind could recover upon his policy.

THE Grand Army of the Republic has become interested in a project to found a colony on the gulf coast. The undertaking has taken definite shape in the purchase of 25,000 acres of land on Matagorda bay in Matagorda county, Tex. The organizers have adopted as a title the "Gulf Coast Colony," which they claim to be "an association of soldiers and citizens." Three ex-commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic are championing the enterprise. They are Gen. A. G. Weissert, who has been made president of the colony; Gen. Paul Van Dervoort, and Gen. Adams.

RAPID strides have been made in arranging the details of the great coal mining, carrying and selling combination, of which J. Pierpont Morgan is the presiding genius, by which the capitalists will be in close touch with the miners of the states affected, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. The interesting feature of the new combination is the profit-sharing plan for the miners, the importance of which will be seen when it is stated that 200,000 men will be affected and it will be to their personal interest to co-operate in the new arrangements.

A BILL introduced at Albany provides for an appropriation by New York city to establish an institution to be known as the Farm Colony of Vagrants. A board of five managers is to manage the colony, which can be located in any county in the state. Persons convicted of vagrancy or habitual drunkenness in the city courts will be committed to the vagrant farm under an indeterminate sentence, with power of parole vested in the board of managers. The earnings of the co-operative colony are to be divided among the inmates, and penalties are provided for in the shape of fines.

THE New York Times says: The publication of the entire list of 978,000 pensioners' names in a newspaper would be impracticable. Neighborhood publication is the only effective method. If in every post office there were posted the names of all pensioners receiving their mail at that office with the amount of their pensions, all the neighbors of the pensioner would be informed that his name was on the list and that he drew a certain monthly sum. If it was discovered that a robust fellow was on the list at the total disability rate the fraud would be instantly apparent.

THE customs of the ancient Egyptians of mummifying their dead bids fair to be revived in New York. A scheme has been proposed looking to the building of handsome structures on the apartment house plan in the outlying districts around New York, which will be nothing more nor less than mammoth mausoleums. Private rooms will be sold just as lots are now in cemeteries and here the purchasing family can lay their dead to rest. The bodies are to be mummified by a simple process. The natural expression of the face will be retained and the body will appear as in life.

Two dozen monkeys, equipped with all the paraphernalia of good miners, are on their way to the treasure fields on the Yukon under the care of Capt. Edward Moss, who is one of the most important operators of South Africa. This corps of 24 monkeys is intended to be the vanguard of an army of these animals. As soon as the first installment is put to work successfully on the claims Capt. Moss' syndicate controls he promises to have more monkeys ready to do manual labor. He says that he has had them working right along on his claims in the Transvaal for the last four years.

Unequal Assessments.

There is an inequality in the assessment of bank stock in Missouri for which we believe no justifiable cause exists. The assessed valuation of this species of wealth ranges from 33 1-3 per cent to 100 per cent. In Boone county, where doubtless bank stock is a good investment and sells at a premium, it is assessed at 33 1-3 per cent, while in some other counties it is assessed at 100 cents on the dollar. In Chariton county bank stock is assessed at 50 per cent of its par value.

We can readily see how county assessors and county courts might make this discrepancy, but that the state board of equalization permits it to remain unchanged and impose such unequal burdens upon the tax-payers is strange.

We supposed the state board of equalization was created for the sole purpose of rectifying such inequalities in taxation as would necessarily arise from an inequality of assessments. If the said board have a good reason for not discharging a plain duty as prescribed by the law we have not heard of it.

Some real estate, we know, is assessed much higher in some counties than in others, and justly so; but why bank stock in one of the richest counties in the state, and where men have grown rich in the banking business, should only pay one-third the tax on their investment that some other counties pay, is beyond our ken.

It is passing strange that any Democratic senator should be arrayed against the annexation of Hawaii. The greatest lights of the Democratic party for over half a century have advanced the annexation of these islands. To oppose it now is going back on all the most-honored traditions of the party. Every foot of soil added to the original thirteen states comprising the American union, has been acquired in a Democratic administration. The Louisiana purchase came in under Mr. Jefferson; Florida, under Monroe; the Gadsden purchase under Pierce, and Alaska under Johnson—all Democrats. A very erroneous opinion generally prevails that Mr. Johnson was elected as a Republican. Such is not the fact. The convention that nominated Lincoln and Johnson in 1864 was not a Republican but a union convention, and as such nominated one Republican and one Democrat. Mr. Johnson never at any period of his life deserted the Democratic party, or professed to be a Republican.

HENRY A. NEWMAN of Randolph county is a new Richmond in the field for congress in the Second district. Every American citizen has a right to run for office, but there are some who will find themselves very much handicapped when they ask for the endorsement of the Democratic party, and Col. Newman belongs to this class. The colonel, we predict, will be badly distanced by his opponents in the race for congress while he is stopping to explain the language attributed to him in a special telegram from Kansas City to the St. Louis *Chronicle* under date of August 17th, 1896, and in which he is quoted as having become greatly disgusted with the Democratic party as "it had abused President Cleveland, denounced the supreme court, defeated Bland, nominated a dude for governor and a Populist for president," and, therefore, the colonel said, according to this same telegram, "I am now ready for Gabriel to blow his trumpet."

THE two best and most effective speeches made in the house on the servile civil service fraud was by private John Allen, who brought it into ridicule by his inimitable humor, and the masterly exposition of its un-American fallacies by Hon. W. P. Hepburn. While the able and distinguished Iowan left the advocates of this sham standing on air and holding to nothing, his arguments against it were convincing, complete and unanswerable.

SENATOR TELLER has introduced in the senate the famous Stanley Matthew's resolutions of 1878, which President McKinley voted for when a representative of the people. It will pass the senate, but Czar Reed will smother it in his house. However, the bondholders and money changers will be made to know this government will not change its contract in their favor, but will continue to reserve to the people the option to pay in coin of either silver or gold.